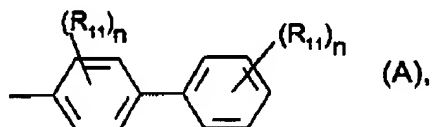


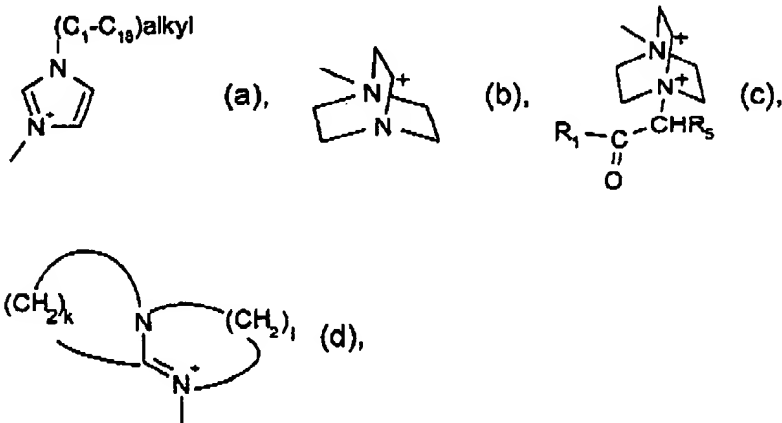
wherein

m is 1 or 2 and corresponds to the number of positive charges of the cation;

R_1 is phenyl, naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthracyl, pyrenyl, thienyl, thianthrenyl, thioxanthyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl, these radicals being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_3 - C_{18} alkenyl, NR_6R_7 , OH, CN, OR_8 , SR_8 , $C(O)R_9$, $C(O)OR_{10}$ or halogen, or R_1 is a radical of formula A



R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 each independently are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_3 - C_{18} alkenyl or phenyl, or R_2 and R_3 and/or R_4 and R_3 each independently form a C_2 - C_{12} alkylene bridge; or R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , together with the linking nitrogen atom, are a group of the structural formula (a), (b), (c), or (d)



k and l each independently are a number from 2 to 4;

R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl;

R_{11} is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_2 - C_{18} alkenyl, NR_6R_7 , OR_8 , or SR_8 ; and

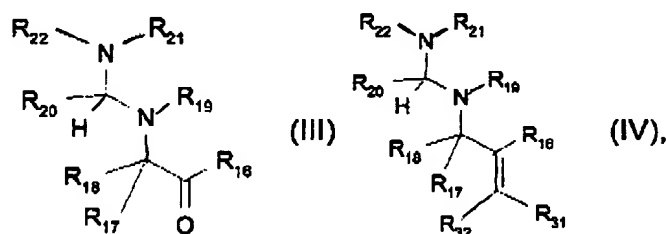
n is 0 or 1, 2 or 3;

R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} are phenyl or another aromatic hydrocarbon, these radicals being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, OR_8 , or halogen;

R_{15} is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, phenyl or another aromatic hydrocarbon, the radicals phenyl and aromatic hydrocarbon being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, OR_8 , or halogen;

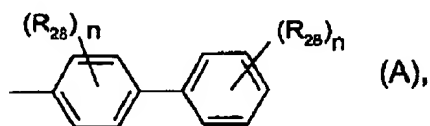
or

2) compounds of formula (III) or (IV)



wherein

R_{16} is phenyl, naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthracyl, pyrenyl, thienyl, thianthrenyl, thioxanthyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl, these radicals being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_3 - C_{18} alkenyl, $NR_{23}R_{24}$, OH , CN , OR_{25} , SR_{25} , $C(O)R_{26}$, $C(O)OR_{27}$ or halogen, or R_{16} is a radical of formula A



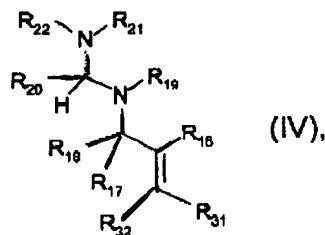
R_{17} and R_{18} each independently are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_3 - C_{18} alkenyl, C_3 - C_{18} alkynyl or phenyl;

R_{20} is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl or $NR_{29}R_{30}$;

b1

R_{19} , R_{21} , R_{22} , R_{23} , R_{24} , R_{25} , R_{26} , and R_{27} are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl;
 R_{28} is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_2 - C_{18} alkenyl, $NR_{23}R_{24}$, OR_{25} , or SR_{25} ; and R_{29} and R_{30} each independently are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl; or
 R_{19} and R_{21} together form a C_2 - C_{12} alkylene bridge or
 R_{20} and R_{22} together, independently of R_{19} and R_{21} , form a C_2 - C_{12} alkylene bridge or, if R_{20} is $NR_{29}R_{30}$, R_{30} and R_{22} together form a C_2 - C_{12} alkylene bridge;
 R_{31} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl;
 R_{32} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl or phenyl.

- b2
3. A coating composition according to claim 1, wherein the photolabile base is an α -aminoalkene of the structure (IV),



wherein

R_{16} is phenyl;

R_{17} and R_{19} are hydrogen or methyl;

R_{19} and R_{21} together form a C_3 -alkylene bridge;

R_{20} and R_{22} together form a C_3 -alkylene bridge;

R_{31} and R_{32} are hydrogen.

- b3
14. A method of coating a substrate wherein a coating composition according to claim 1 is applied to a substrate and subsequently the substrate is exposed to ultraviolet light.